

Balance of State CoC

2013 Project Ranking

The Ranking Committee is made up of staff from the MA Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), provider staff from across the CoCs geographic area, Provider staff from outside the geographic area, a representative of one of the CoC's housing authorities and a representative from a private property developer. The committee first met on December 16th and reviewed the scoring tools. Some feedback was offered and the tools were modified slightly to incorporate that feedback. The committee was also broken into small groups that would work together to review assigned project applications. Care was taken to assure no project application was assigned where a member of the small group may have a conflict of interest.

All Project Applications were due to the collaborative Applicant on January 3rd. Those applications were packaged with each project's most recent APR and the ranking tools and distributed to the small groups. The small groups worked independently to score the projects assigned to them and submitted the scores back to the DHCD Federal Grants Manager on January 10th.

On January 14th, the committee met again to review the projects as a whole and to assign ranking. Rankings were initially assigned by raw score. In the event of a tie, permanent housing projects were ranked above transitional housing projects which were ranked above supportive services only projects. In the cases where ties within project type existed, renewals were ranked above new projects. In the cases where ties existed within renewal projects of the same project type, projects were ranked in descending order from that serving the greatest number of persons to that serving the least number of persons.

The committee, using this process developed a ranking which was presented to the Planning Committee for a vote. The planning Committee voted to approve the proposed ranking.

This proposal places two projects fully in tier two and one project "straddling the line." The bottom ranked program, Homeless Advocacy Project" is a supportive services only program that "assists homeless individuals and families in securing housing and maximizing income and government benefits." Above that, but fully in tier two is the Homeless Substance Abuse Initiative program. HSAI is a Supportive Services Only street outreach program that focuses primarily on chronically homeless men and women with diagnosed chronic substance use disorders, helping to enroll them for mainstream benefits that they are eligible for, as well as accessing shelter.

The Aggressive Street Outreach Program is also a supportive services only project. When fully funded it straddles the line between tier two and tier one. In order to protect the only remaining outreach program in the CoC, the project budget has been reduced so that it may fall entirely within tier 1, and thus be protected from the potential cuts of tier two SSO projects. This cut will have to play out in a reduction of staffing and corresponding catchment area. Care will be taken to preserve outreach services within the communities where none exists.

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#	Project Name
Tier 1	
1	Oxford House
2	Fina House
3	Brookside Terrace PSH
4	Journey to Success
5	New Beginnings
6	Lincoln St
7	Community Housing Initiative
8	Post Acute / Pre Recovers treatment services
9	Deven's Project
10	Essex North A
11	Proyecto Opciones
12	Bethel Transitional Housing and Employment
13	Alexander St
14	Metrowest Leased Housing
15	Northeast Scattered Site tenancy
16	Bedford Veterans Quarters
17	Greater Boston Mobile Stabilization Team
18	Project HOAP
19	Vietnam Veterans Workshop PSH
20	Julie House
21	Metrowest Supported Housing
22	Home At Last
23	Oasis Project
24	Supportive Occupant Services
25	FBMS Families
26	Corley's Project
27	Home Again
28	Chelsea Revere Homeless to Housing
29	Planning Grant
30	Community Housing PSH
31	Homeless Legal Services
32	HMIS Continuous Quality
33	Greater Boston Sponsor Based PSH
34	Aggressive Treatment and Relapse Prevention Program
35	Greater Boston Tenant Based PSH
36	Project Home PSH
37	Mobile Resource Team
38	Hope for Families
39	Safe Haven
40	HMIS Lawrence
41	Scattered Site Transitional Apartment (SSTAP)
42	Homes for Veterans
43	Aggressive Street Outreach (ASO)
Tier 2	
44	Homeless Substance Abuse Initiative (HSAI)
45	Homeless Advocacy Project